

Glenfield u3a Committee Meeting

Tuesday 20th May 2025 at 14.30

At Park House Council Offices, Glenfield

1. Present: Paul Linnett [Chair], Alistair Exon, Judith Harriman, Sue Lamprell, Paul Marriott, Gill Speechley, Andrew Thomas, Joan Thomas, Kim Thorogood, Linda Thompson [Secretary]
2. Apologies: Michael Barbour
3. Minutes of last meeting held on 15th April 2025: agreed
4. Matters arising not included in the agenda: PaulL to decline the invitation to have a stall at the Picnic in the Park on 17th August.
It was decided not to proceed with online membership applications at this point.
It was decided that the two Group Secretaries will ask Group Coordinators to update their information on the website, so that Dennis Walker can print off an updated summary for the Notice Boards (every six months).
Judith noted that Jenny Downes was not able to examine the accounts. Gill to ask her daughter.
5. Correspondence: The National u3a AGM will be held at Sketchley Grange Hotel in Hinckley on Wednesday 15th October. The position of Vice Chair is available for election, with nominees welcome from June. Further information will be provided in due course.
6. Planning: Judith noted that a 57-seater coach has been booked for the Oxford trip, with the deadline for payment being mid-June.
28 people have expressed interest in the trip to Newark in September, with 40 needed to make the trip viable. **PaulL to mention this at the monthly meeting.**
Decisions regarding the New Members Meeting to be made in October.
7. Reports
 - 7.1 Chair: Alistair agreed to become the Contact for the Charity Commission. It was decided that a WhatsApp group for the committee was not required.
 - 7.2 Membership Secretary: There are 374 members, and one pending. Gill noted that 60-70 members generally attend the monthly meeting. **SueL to investigate what guidance u3a gives for how long we should retain information on lapsed; resigned & deceased members on the Beacon system.**
 - 7.3 Speaker Secretary: PaulL noted that the speaker in April [Catrin Rutland] had been excellent. This month's speaker will be Stephanie Mee, who will be talking about her experiences as a Game Show Junkie, which will include audience participation. PaulM noted that he had not yet been able to contact Sandy Leon to see if she could move from November to December. SueL suggested a lady that has started doing Hearing Loss talks. PaulM to start looking at speakers for 2026, and propose a budget for the first six months of the year.
 - 7.4 Treasurer: April Accounts had been circulated. Alistair noted an increase in the costs relating to u3a.

7.5 Group Secretaries:

- (a) Hobbies Group Secretary: Kim noted that a member had asked if there was a Backgammon group. She told her no, but she could start one if she wanted.
- (b) Activity Group Secretary: Andrew responded to the email sent to the Chair by Chris Payne, and circulated to the Committee ahead of the meeting. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the Chair would communicate the following to the members:

‘The committee reviewed the decision not to allow dogs on Glenfield u3a walking group activities, as it had been based on the understanding that group leaders had been consulted, and that only one group had dogs.

It was decided that Group Leaders should make the decision whether to allow dogs, or not, in consultation with the members of their group. If dogs are to be allowed, it was felt that there should be a strong recommendation that dogs should be on short leads.

The Group Leader’s decision should be posted on the website alongside their respective group, so that potential members can make an informed decision as to which walking group to join’.

7.6 Business Secretary: Linda noted that she now had the last information from PaulM for the u3a site, and would inform the Charity Commission that Alistair will replace Alan Hodgkinson as the Contact.

7.7 IT Secretary: SueL has assisted several members to get access to Google Drive. DropBox access to be limited to Paull; SueL and Joan (for the Ukelele Group). **SueL to check access for Kim.**

7.8 Web Master: Michael sent an email noting that he had made some minor changes to the Roles & Responsibilities of the Webmaster in the policy document; and that he will update the links on the Resources page once the policy documents have been reviewed. He also noted that all references to U3A should be changed to u3a.

7.9 Publicity: No report.

- 8. Arrangements for the Monthly Meeting: Money to be collected for the Oxford trip. Stuart to provide an orientation of the AV equipment for PaulL and PaulM.
- 9. Any other business: Updating Glenfield u3a Policies - **all committee members to provide revisions for their respective roles to SueL.**

All Committee members are reminded to use the Beacon system when sending emails to members.

- 10. Date of the next meeting at Park House Council Offices on 17th June 2025 at 14.30.